



Arts & Community Events

October 2008 Calendar of Events

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Arts & Community Events programs: www.artslasvegas.org

City of Las Vegas Web site: www.lasvegasparksandrec.com

Ethnic Express Folk Dancing

Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Folk dances are the aerobics of our ancestors! Join us to learn the traditional dances of Armenia, Bulgaria, China, Greece, Israel, Macedonia, Russia, Serbia, Turkey and more.

Tickets: \$4 per person, per day

6th Annual United Today and Always/*Unidos Hoy y Siempre*

With La Nueva 103.5 FM and Recuerdo 99.3 FM and El Tiempo

Friday, October 3, 7 to 9 p.m.

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Bring the family to celebrate the rich Latino culture at this year's Hispanic Heritage Month festivity, the sixth annual United Today and Always/*Unidos Hoy y Siempre* event. Local Hispanic organizations will come together to share their warm and inviting culture with the entire community. This lively program will include music, dance, poetry and arts and crafts displays.

Free admission

Rainbow Company Youth Theatre

"The Kid Who Ran for President"

Oct 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 at 7 p.m., and

October 5, 11, 12 at 2 p.m.

Reed Whipple Cultural Center, Main Theatre

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

When an average sixth-grader agrees to run for president, he finds himself headed for the Electoral College. Just in time for the real election, this clever satire will make everyone tune in for the final results! Ages 9 to 109 will be tickled by this timely story, adapted from the best-selling books by Dan Gutman, and specially prepared for you!

Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 teens & seniors, \$3 children 12 & under

Three- and five-show season tickets are available at additional savings and bring special privileges.

Tickets are available by mail, telephone or in person.

Dancin' Feet

Sunday, October 5, 2 p.m.

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 S. Brush Street, **229-6383**

Michael Kessler, Melinda Jackson and the M & M American Dance Theatre perform the humorous tale of Dancinmannio and Twinkleltoenia, two showbiz muses who are banished from Mt. Olympus after receiving the lowest score on "Dancing with the Gods." To return, they must motivate floundering mortals on earth. With a rousing score including Get Happy and Mona Lisa, they inspire the artistry of Fred & Ginger, Da Vinci and others.

Tickets: \$10 advance; \$15 performance day

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Saturday Contra Dancing

With Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers

Saturdays, October 11 and 25, 7 to 10 p.m.; group lesson 6:30 p.m.

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Dance to the live music of an acoustic band playing joyful fiddle tunes, driving reels and a waltz or two. These lively community dances recapture aspects of New England and frontier barn dances, with more modern twists. All dances are taught and called. Newcomers and families are welcomed. No need to bring a partner. Wear comfortable, flat-soled shoes and casual clothing.

Tickets: \$7 adults; \$5 members, students & military; \$3 children under 16 and non-dancing adults

Mentoring – Rites of Passage Workshops

Saturdays, October 11-December 20

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Designed to provide youth with necessary tools to become responsible, caring adults and independent thinkers, these 10-week mentoring workshops are held from 2 to 4 p.m. for boys ages 10 to 16, and from 3 to 5 p.m. for girls ages 10 to 16. Applications are available beginning Sept. 16, and must be submitted in advance.

\$15 fee to register

Las Vegas Youth Orchestra Opening Concert

With Clark County School District and Friends of Las Vegas Youth Orchestras

Thursday, October 16, 6 p.m.

Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza

720 Twin Lakes Drive, **229-2390** (event day only)

All youth orchestra ensembles perform in this first concert of the season. Students in second through twelfth grades are selected for membership through auditions. Visit www.lvyo.org or call 385-2838 for information.

Tickets: \$7 adults; \$3 students, seniors, disabled

Cine en el Centro Film Series

With La Nueva 103.5 FM, Recuerdo 99.3 FM, El Tiempo, Tortillas Los Arcos and El Mercadito

“Espaldas Mojadas”

Thursday, October 16, 6 p.m. introduction; 6:30 p.m. feature presentation

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

“Espaldas Mojadas” tells a timeless and poignant tale dramatizing the plight of Mexican migrant workers in the United States. Rafael Amendola, in trouble because of a bar fight and in need of work, crosses the Rio Grande with the paid help of Frank Mendoza. North of the border, Mendoza’s American partner, Mr. Sterling, gives work to Amendola and other illegal migrants, but also ruthlessly exploits them. Amendola does not adapt to his new life in the United States. He lives in fear of being deported and faces exploitation and constant discrimination. Ultimately, he returns to Mexico, where he has a final confrontation with Sterling. Series Curator Luis Bonilla introduces the film and leads a discussion afterwards. In Spanish with English subtitles; 1953, unrated, 110 minutes.

Free admission

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The Poets' Corner

Friday, October 17, 7 to 11 p.m.

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Keith Brantley hosts a forum for established poets and open mike participants.

Free admission

Bandstand Jam Series

East Las Vegas Youth Ballet Folklorico & Music Student Recital

Friday, October 17, 7 p.m.

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

This recital by talented students features complete routines and songs learned in classes offered at the center. Accomplished musician and instructor Miguel Curiel directs performances on guitar, keyboards and voice. The Ballet Folklorico students will dance choreographed routines lead by instructors Marisol Hernandez, Reyna Esquivel and Estela Gomez de Hoover.

Free admission

Rainbow Company Youth Theatre

Audition for "Cinderella"

Saturday, October 18, 1 p.m.

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Open auditions, starting promptly at 1 p.m. Roles available for ages 10 to adult in musical production of "Cinderella," which will be performed Dec. 5-14. A prepared song is recommended. Call **229-6553** for information.

Free admission

Dynamic Trombone Quartet

Saturday, October 18, 4 p.m.

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 S. Brush Street, **229-6383**

The Dynamic Trombone Quartet members are longtime Las Vegas professionals and include Walter Boenig, Hiroshi Suzuki, Dan Trinter and Dan Uhrich. The quartet's wide-ranging repertoire embraces all styles of music. The music for this concert is provided by a grant from the Music Performance Trust Funds and was obtained with the cooperation of the Musicians Union of Las Vegas Local No. 369 of the American Federation of Musicians.

Free admission.

Night Groovin' – The Hard Goodbye

Friday, October 24, 7 p.m.

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

The Hard Goodbye plays alternative/independent/rock songs about loss, renewal and hope.

Singer/songwriter Joey Hines is joined by brothers Dave on keyboard and Mike on base, with drummer Chad Filbert.

Tickets: \$7 all seats

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East Las Vegas Safe HalloweenFest

With La Nueva 103.5 FM, Recuerdo 99.3 FM and El Tiempo

Saturday, October 25, 5 to 7:30 p.m.

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Dress in costume and bring the family to enjoy the spooky Safe HalloweenFest, with its costume parade with prizes, trick-or-treat booths and carnival games. Local businesses and organizations are supporting this event.

Free admission.

Live Big Band Halloween Dance

Thursday, October 30, 7 p.m.

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 S. Brush Street, **229-6383**

Enjoy dancing to the Big Band tunes of Boyd Coulter and the Good Times Band. Costumes are encouraged, though not required. Please join us for a magical evening.

Tickets: \$10 advance; \$12 performance day

PROGRAMS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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